



## Mayor's Message



Maria Tutino

### BERM (LAKEVIEW TO APPLE HILL)

#### **Good news about the replacement berm from Lakeview to Apple Hill!**

The Town received notification on January 6<sup>th</sup> from the *Ministry of Transport Quebec* (MTQ) that the Berm was included in its three-year *Capital Expenditure Program* and that it would assume 50% of the costs of the project, including costs that were spent on the project in previous years.

#### **In order for the Town's project to be receivable:**

- The berm was evaluated as a replacement project (since it did not meet the MTQ's criteria as a new project);
- an additional 65 meters had to be added to the Town's project.

With the MTQ's involvement, the Town is now looking at the construction of the berm/sound barrier to be completed in 2021 (see Town website "*Development Projects*" section for more details).

Council has agreed to continue to work with the MTQ to complete this project and to await their analysis report and the details of the agreement to be signed between the Town and the MTQ.



The founders' mission was to make the Club a centre of sporting and social activity where friendship, amiability and camaraderie would rule.

### 60 YEARS LATER AND ONE CAN SAY MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

- Rang true when the Club opened on February 13, 1960 with Mayor Thomas Lee throwing the first rock;
- Rang true when the BDCC opened its doors to house, feed and take care of Baie-D'Urfé residents during the ice storm of 1998;
- Rang true when I joined the Club in 1989, upon arriving in Baie-D'Urfé, and where I spent many days and nights at the Club with my family curling, participating in many social activities and swimming (there used to be a private BDCC pool on the ground);
- Rang true when I threw the first rock at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on January 26.

The Club now boasts about 200 members and it continues to be a centre of sporting and social activity thanks to the influx of adult children of curlers (current and past) and new residents who have joined in the past couple of years.

If you haven't discovered the pleasures of curling or socializing at the BDCC, consider to do so. It was my family's home away from home for many years during the winter. And while you are at it, take a look at our other 60 years recreational club, the *Baie-D'Urfé Yacht Club* (the summer equivalent)!

\*Source: *Baie d'Urfé 1686-1986*, p.118 & pp 192-193

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### 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAIE-D'URFÉ CURLING CLUB (BDCC)



"The Curling Club was the first major recreation facility to open in the '60s...With 228 members, the Club was off to a good start, although

it had been a difficult three years to get there. The idea had begun back in 1957 but the attempt to "get going" did not succeed, mostly because of misunderstanding regarding location and land transfers. In the spring of 1959, the project began and through many hours of hard work and financing arrangements, a first-class curling club was made possible. Parking was a problem and the Town exchanged land south of the Curling Club, on which hockey rinks were already flooded every year, for the same area of Town-owned land west of the club. At the same time the Town granted a right-of-way to Churchill Road to improve the situation."\*



# MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL

## Council Communiqué



Lynda Phelps

At the beginning of my three weeks vacation in Florida (yes, I'm lucky) one of our first shopping stops was at Costco in Fort Lauderdale. Those of you that shop at Costco are familiar with the pallets of special sale items as you walk into the store. What quickly caught my attention were pallets of a skin care product called *Cetaphil*. The big deal for me was this product is made in our Industrial Park by *Galderma*. *Cetaphil* is not exclusive to *Costco*. I also found it in Fort Myers in the pharmacies and big box stores. A bit of Baie-D'Urfé all over Florida!

On **Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>**, the Library will be hosting a *Community and Coffee* event. This event has been organized by **Chris Marsh** and **Jeff Funnekotter**, to create an opportunity to meet old and new neighbours.

During the budget process, the Director of Public Works, **Nicholas Mavrias** gave a presentation to Council on how streets are selected to be paved. A computer program has been developed for municipalities to make a more thorough examination of paved roads than what has been done in the past. Not only the surface, but also the street's infrastructure. Although a street seems visibly needing attention, underneath, the base may be strong and can have a longer life span than one with a seemingly smoother surface but with an invisible base in very poor condition.

Based on these recent analyses, Nicholas has given notice that the following streets have been targeted for paving in 2020.

- **Surrey** between Upper Cambridge and **Churchill, & Upper Cambridge** in its entirety
- **Victoria Place** between Churchill and Victoria
- **Dowker** between Devon and Churchill
- **Oxford to St. Andrews** and **St. Andrews** between Oxford and Lakeshore
- **Stafford** between Westchester and Churchill Place

The *Citizens' Association's* new website, that was launched on January 1<sup>st</sup>, seems to have generated quite a lot of interest. **87 "hits"** to date (Feb.16) for the latest edition of the *News & Views*. What else to say except **"Wow"** and **"Congratulations"**.



If you went to this year's annual **Winterfest**, you would have enjoyed a beautiful sunny day. As usual, there was a long line up for the very popular horse and buggy ride, with some local grandchildren insisting on supplying carrots for the horse. Some things never change. Thanks go out to the *Baie-D'Urfé Citizens' Association, Rescue Squad, V-Cops, Baie-D'Urfé Scouts, Junior Council, Public Works* and *Frans Lecluse* for his pictures.



*Snowga* was an event on the program that I decided to check out. It was a wonderful experience that youngsters and seniors can enjoy together. **Sonya Beaudoin** from *Infinite Training* was our yoga master. She definitely brought out the shine from the blue sky.

On a sadder note, although not necessarily for Irish people, whose spirits wherever they linger, will welcome, our very loved, **Andrew Forgety**. Andrew passed away on February 14 at the age of 100. If you want to read about the "2017 Irishman of the year", you can read Councillor Wanda Lowensteyn's commentary on the *Citizens' Association* website ([baiedurfe.ca](http://baiedurfe.ca)), *News & Views* March 2019.

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## Environmental Review



### GOOD NEWS FROM THE QUEBEC GOVERNMENT

Press release of January 30, 2020  
(translated to French)

<https://www.recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca>

#### QUÉBEC IS GOING FORWARD WITH THE REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT EXPANSION!

*“The Prime Minister, François Legault and the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment, and Fight Against Climate Change, Benoit Charette, confirmed that the Quebec Government will extend the deposit to all ready-to-drink beverage containers from 100 milliliters to 2 liters, whether they are in plastic, glass or metal. Multilayer cardboard containers will also be targeted, but in a second phase. This initiative will result in a very high recovery rate for all these containers, which are too often thrown into nature or end up in landfills, while improving the quality of recovered materials thanks to this form of source separation.”*

Since 1984, the deposit system has always been based on its content (beer and soft drinks), while the new government decision will advocate a system based on the classification of these containers.

Currently and according to *Recyc-Québec*, **2.4 BILLION** containers of beer and soft drinks are collected annually using the deposit system. With this new measure, more than **4 BILLION** containers will now be consigned annually, including **1 BILLION plastic water bottles**.

Subject to the adoption of this measure by the National Assembly, the new system is expected to come into effect "gradually" in the **fall of 2022**.



## Town-owned Septic Systems INFORMATION

Aware of the importance of owning septic systems that meet the highest standards, the Town granted a mandate to the firm *Aqua Consilium Experts-Conseils* in July 2019, to evaluate the septic systems owned and operated by the Town.

### Their mandate included the following:

Visual inspections of the system, validation of compliance, issue of a report with results of the inspections and recommendations for any repair, modification or replacement.

### The systems to be inspected are the following:

- ▶ **Town Hall**
- ▶ **Public Works/Rescue**
- ▶ **Curling Club**
- ▶ **Red Barn**
- ▶ **Fritz Community Center**
- ▶ **The Gray House**
- ▶ **Whiteside-Taylor/Library**
- ▶ **BDAC (pool)**
- ▶ **Tennis Club**
- ▶ **Yacht Club**

The replacement of the *Yacht Club's* septic system was already on the list of jobs to be done in 2019. It will finally begin this spring should the water level allows it.

We are currently exploring the possibility of combining and centralizing some of the systems that are in close proximity to each other (*Whiteside-Taylor, Red Barn, Curling Club, Pool and Tennis Club*).



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What's New!

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## SPRING AWAKENING!

Daylight Saving time (DST) will be set on the night of **Saturday, March 7, 2020**. So don't forget to change your clocks!



### SUMMER STUDENTS EMPLOYMENT

**PUBLIC WORKS: 6 positions**  
**ENVIRONMENT: 1 position**



We are seeking for student workforce to perform various tasks with the *Public Works* and *Environment* teams of the Town during the summer period, from **May 25 to August 14**.

Interested candidates are requested to submit their resume by regular mail, in person at the *Public Works* building or by e-mail before **Tuesday, March 26, 2019**. All details on our website at [baie-durfe.qc.ca / Job Offers](http://baie-durfe.qc.ca / Job Offers)

**REFERENCES :**

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### EARTH HOUR

**Saturday March 28, 2020 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

Baie-D'Urfé is proud to be one of the many cities across the world participating in this event. The Town will therefore turn off all non-essential lighting for **one hour**. We invite all Baie-D'Urfé merchants and residents to do the same!



### JUNIOR COUNCIL

*Hear ye, hear ye!*

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Tuesday, March 17 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm**  
Fritz Community Centre



### IMPORTANT:

The wheeled bin or any other bin must be placed at the curbside **without encroachment on the sidewalk** for pedestrian right-of-way **or on the street, as not to interfere with traffic or snow removal operations**. It must also be positioned so that the wheels and handles



are directed towards the residence. **In the winter time**, make sure your bins are plowed and cleared of snow or ice build-up, which would make the pick-up of the bin impossible.

### JUNIOR COUNCIL'S GAMES NIGHT

The *Junior Council* is excited to invite you to *Games Night* **Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Red Barn from 7pm to 9pm**.

**For ages 10 to 17**

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**  
(non-resident guests also welcome)



**Bring your favourite board game!**

### DOG LICENSE UPDATE INFORMATION

#### REMINDER

**Has your animal file been updated?**



Any changes must be communicated to the Town or at **Info@baie-durfe.qc.ca** in order to keep your pet's file up-to-date such as a change of address, phone numbers, decease of your pet, microchip, neutering, etc.

All dogs on Baie-D'Urfé's territory must obtain a license delivered by the Town (valid for the life of the animal). For all detail regarding animals regulation consult **By-law 1063** on the Town's website.